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SUBJECT: INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION:TALK WITH CEYLON
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1. SRI LANKA EMBASSY COUNSELOR, DE ALWIS, CALLED ON KUX, ACTING COUNTRY DIRECTOR NEA/INS, MAY 29 FOR BRIEFING ON U.S. REACTION TO INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. KUX OFFERED STANDARD POSITION DRAWING FROM STATE 104770. KUX ALSO SAID WE WERE REVIEWING MANY IMPLICATIONS OF INDIAN TEST AND THIS REVIEW NOT YET COMPLETE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO KUX'S QUESTION ON CEYLON REACTION, DE ALWIS SAID EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN FORMAL BRIEF ON SUBJECT, BUT HE BELIEVED CEYLON REACTION WOULD BE TWO-FOLD: (1) MEASURE OF ADMIRATION THAT AN LDC HAS BEEN ABLE TO MASTER NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND (2) CERTAIN APPREHENSION THAT A DIFFERENT AND MORE MILITANT GOVERNMENT IN NEW DELHI MIGHT MISUSE POWER THAT NUCLEAR CAPABILITY PROVIDED. BROWN
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